CSIS-JEF Symposium
Thursday, September 24, 2026
1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Agenda

Public Event: Ensuring Economic and Energy Security: Opportunities for U.S.-Japan Leadership

8:30 am **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 am **Public Event Begins**

Opening Remarks

- Joseph F. Dunford Jr., Chief Executive Officer, CSIS
- Hideichi Okada, Chairman and CEO, Japan Economic Foundation

9:10 am **Strengthening Economic Security through Alliances, Friend-Shoring, and the Rules-Based Order**

This panel will examine how the U.S. and Japan can contribute to strengthening economic security. How can supply chain resilience be strengthened? What kind of industrial policies are most effective in enhancing economic security and competitiveness in areas such as critical and emerging technologies? How should the U.S., Japan, and other countries respond to economic coercion?

- Mitsuhiro Nishida, Director of Industrial Research, Japan External Trade Organization New York
- Matt Pearl, Director, Strategic Technologies Program, CSIS
- Ryo Sahashi, Professor of International Politics, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, The University of Tokyo
- James Schoff, Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident), Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA
- Moderator: Kristi Govella, Senior Advisor and Japan Chair, CSIS; Associate Professor, University of Oxford

10:25 am Break

10:40 am **Energy Security and Environment Amid Heightened Geopolitical Risk**
This panel will examine the impact of geopolitical risks on energy security and the global environment in light of conflict in the Middle East and tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz. How can the U.S. and Japan promote energy security while addressing environmental concerns? What opportunities exist for cooperation and innovation in the energy sector?

- Clara Gillispie, Senior Fellow for Climate and Energy, Council on Foreign Relations
- Jane Nakano, Senior Fellow, Energy Security and Climate Change Program, CSIS
- Sumiko Takeuchi, Senior Fellow/Member of Board of Directors, International Environment and Economy Institute; Specially Appointed Professor, Tohoku University; Co-founder/Co-President, U3 Innovations, LLC
- Yukari Yamashita, Senior Adviser for Research, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan
- Moderator: Naoyuki Haraoka, Advisor, Japan Economic Foundation

11:55 am **Closing Remarks**

- Kristi Govella, Senior Adviser and Japan Chair, CSIS; Associate Professor, University of Oxford

12:00 pm **Public Event Concludes**

Private Event: Intensifying Security Risks and Geopolitical Tensions in the Indo-Pacific

12:15 pm **Private Luncheon Begins**
Participants are seated and begin eating

12:30 pm **Roundtable Discussion**

This roundtable will examine how perspectives on security risks and geopolitical tensions are evolving in the U.S. and Japan and how the U.S.-Japan alliance can be strengthened to maintain regional stability. It will consider regional flashpoints such as the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Strait, and the South China Sea, as well as other regional security challenges. This discussion will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

- Joseph F. Dunford Jr., Chief Executive Officer, CSIS
- Takehiro Shimada, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan
- Katsutoshi Kawano, Former Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan Self-Defense Forces
- Moderator: Kristi Govella, Senior Advisor and Japan Chair, CSIS; Associate Professor, University of Oxford

1:30 pm **Private Luncheon Concludes**